

**Today**

**Baptism Anointing:** during the 1200 Mass. We welcome our children and their parents who will receive anointing in preparation for their baptism next Sunday. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Forthcoming Events**

**21/04 CWL Monthly Meeting:** 1315-1530 Cathedral Hall. New members and visitors are always welcome.

**22/04 Hatha Yoga (week three):** 1830-2000 Cathedral Centre. A ten-week course of meditation, relaxation, posture and breath work. Places are still available. Classes are suitable for beginners as well as those with experience.

**22/04 Exploring God's Word:** 1900-2030 Jubilee Room. Continuing the study of the Gospel of Matthew. All are welcome.

**23/04 First Holy Communion Parents' Meeting:** 1900 Cathedral. An important meeting for parents and catechists.

**26/04 PGCE Graduation Ceremony:** 1100 Cathedral. Followed by Reception in the Hall.

**26/04 - and every Saturday - Meditation Group:** 1700-1730 St John's Chapel. A time of quiet reflection and silent prayer. All welcome.

**27/04 Blessing of Engagement Rings:** 1000 Mass. Cathedral.

**27/04 First Communion 13th Session:** during 1200 Mass.

**27/04 Youth Justice & Peace Meeting:** 1600-1800 Cathedral Centre. Open and welcome to all 13+

**27/04 Healing and Prayer Time:** 1700-1745 St John's Chapel. All welcome.

**03/05 CWL 50th Anniversary Mass:** 1215 Celebrated by Bishop Crispian.

**11/05 First Holy Communion Mass:** 1200 Cathedral.

**11/05 Portsmouth Deanery Confirmation Mass:** 1500

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**Thought of the Week**

*Father Steven Restori*

**Encounter with the risen Christ is encounter with God**

As we enter the second half of the Easter Season, the Gospels are taken from the farewell discourse of Jesus in John's Gospel. We are taken back to the events of the Last Supper. As a people now living in the light of the mystery of Easter, we can allow ourselves to meditate unhurriedly on these beautiful but deep passages. We have experienced the resurrection and so are able to look back with renewed and deeper understanding.

This Sunday's Gospel includes the image of the mansion with many rooms and Jesus' assertion that he is the way, the truth, and the life. Here Jesus himself is equated with resurrection life. In the very person of Jesus is all that is – what we seek (eternal life), the way to get there (dying to self), and the assured truth that this is the only and rightful way. Furthermore, Jesus' claim to be 'the way and the truth and the life' lays claim on us: to have faith in him, to follow him to the Father, to do the works he does.

As we move towards Pentecost, we find ourselves more and more challenged to encounter the risen Christ. Today we do that by doing the works of Christ and by recognising Christ in others. The good news and the truth is that we follow Jesus' way in the ordinary, less dramatic and everyday ways of our lives. Our simple acts of reaching out to others, alleviating their own suffering or eliminating their need (whatever it might be) is how we follow Jesus' way.

In essence, we have the same challenge here as we saw in the first three Sundays of Easter with the resurrection appearances: to encounter the risen Christ. Only here we take it a step further: encounter with the risen Christ is encounter with God. We already have a place in God's house, as Jesus has prepared a place for us. Alleluia!

Music			
1800	977	609	830
1000	456	835	763
1200	713	600	636 829
1800	830	600	831

Music at the 1000 Mass	
Gloria	526
Sanctus & Benedictus	574
Acclamation	575
Agnus Dei	590

**Liturgical Calendar**

**& Mass Times**

**Sunday 20th April**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

1000 People of the Parish

1200 P F Zachariah RIP

1800 Anne McGowan RIP

**Monday 21st April Optional Mem**

**St Anselm** was an original thinker and renowned theologian of the 11th Century. He joined the Benedictine abbey at Bec, which, at that time was Europe's centre for intellectual life; later becoming Archbishop of Canterbury, he fought to retain the Church's independence from the English monarchy.

0730 Avril Nazerath

1215 Ernest Charles Martin RIP (F)

**Tuesday 22nd April**

0730 Margaret Crouch *Intention*

1215 Magdalena Azarraga RIP

**Wednesday 23rd April Solemnity**

**St George, Patron of England.** George was a soldier in a third-century army who refused to participate in Christian executions under the Roman Emperor Diocletian. He was subsequently tortured and executed. He was named patron of England in 1222 in the reign of Henry III. He is often portrayed as the conqueror of the dragon.

0730 Frederick Joseph & Rose Kiny  
RIP (F)

1215 Mary Ponusamy RIP

**Thursday 24th April**

0730

1215 Avril Nazerath *Intention*

**Friday 25th April**

**Feast**

**St Mark, Apostle** Author of the oldest Gospel, Mark wrote down St Peter's stories of Jesus and was a companion of Paul and Barnabas on their mission to Cyprus. He established the Christian Church in Alexandria, and the liturgy of the present day Coptic Catholic Church is based on his teachings.

0730 Dan Cregan - In Thanksgiving

1215 John Cassey RIP (F)

**Saturday 26th April**

1215 **No Mass Today**

1700 Meditation in St John's Chapel

1800 Sean Short RIP

**Sunday 27th April**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**First Holy Communion Programme**

Parents of children preparing to make their First Holy Communion are reminded to make every effort to attend the important meeting on Wednesday 23 April at 1900 in the Cathedral. Kindly inform the catechists if you are unable to come.

The children's 13th session will be held during the 1200 Mass on 27 April.

Please pray for the children and their parents.

**125th Anniversary of the Diocese & Cathedral**

To celebrate the event there will be a Parish Supper on Friday 16 May at 1930 in the Cathedral Discovery Centre. Tickets cost £20, which covers raffle, food and entertainment, and they will be on sale at all weekend Masses or from the Parish Office on 9282 6170. A great time for everyone!

**All Volunteers Working With Children**

Team leaders and child volunteers are requested to come to an important meeting on 7 May in the Cathedral Centre from 1900-2100 when details of the new Independent Safeguarding Authority register, which will replace the CRB checks will be explained. If you are able to attend please inform Dinah McLaughlin on 9281 6396.

**St John's Cathedral Summer Fete 12 July**

Our yearly Summer Fete is approaching and we are asking parishioners to begin donating quality items for prizes, tombola stalls, etc.

Mark your calendar for Saturday 12 July from 1100-1630 in the Cathedral Centre. Parishioners and friends are invited to come and support this special event. For further details please contact Emma Devine on 9279 2880.

**Congratulations**

To Adam Kettle-Williams on raising money for Action Aid when completing the London Marathon 2008 in 3 hours 21 minutes.

**Welcome**

To all relatives, friends and visitors to the Cathedral and the city of Portsmouth.

**Visitors:** You are invited to register in the Visitor's Book at the west end of the Cathedral.

**New Parishioners:** Please introduce yourselves after Mass to the priest (and to other parishioners) so that he (and we) can get to know you.

**Becoming a Catholic - RCIA**

RCIA is sometimes called a "a journey of faith". It is a process for adults who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith in an informal setting. It is for persons who have never been baptised, baptised in other faiths, or persons who were baptised as Catholics but did not complete the other Sacraments of Initiation (Eucharist and Confirmation). If you are interested, or know someone who is, please direct them to one of our priests.

September is the time we traditionally launch the programme for those who are interested. Check our website for information and contacts.

**Portsmouth Chinese Sunday School, 4-5 July**

Milton Cross School is planning to organise a two-day event raising awareness of Chinese language, culture, and enterprise through education.

Anyone interested in representing the Cathedral at their planning meeting on 22 April should speak to one of the priests.

**Vacancy for Teacher of French, St Edmund's School**

A talented teacher of French is needed to cover maternity leave from 3 Sept 2008 to 3 April 2009. Download application pack: [www.saintedmunds.org.uk](http://www.saintedmunds.org.uk) or contact the School on 9282 3766.

**LIFE Abortion Act Anniversary Meeting 24 April**

This will be held in Solent University, Southampton on Thursday 24 April from 1900 to 2130. Called 'Forty Years On' it is an opportunity to reflect on the impact that abortion legislation has had since its introduction and to consider what action can be taken in the future.

There will be guest speakers and discussion. All are welcome. For further details please see flier on the Justice and Peace notice board.

**Please pray for those who are ill, especially:**

Elizabeth Small, Archbishop Kevin McDonald, John Cotter Maria Makin, Michael Dyer, Pam Rundell, Yvonne Tomkins, Carole Winsler, Agatha de Mornay, Fr Peter Sprague, Mark Hamilton, Betty Knighton, Albert Hider, Dan & Elish Cregan, Laurie Payne, Brenda Hamilton, Adelaide de Battista, Caroline Moran, Maisie Hider, Jenny Edwards, Doreen Yates and Pat Wright. **(Please notify the Office of any change)**

**Please keep in your prayers those who have died:** Stephen Wooley RIP

**As well as for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

Michael James Cairney †  
John Rees † Hilda Smith †  
Alice Creek † Samuel Hughes † Mgr John Conroy †  
Camilla Bradley †  
Josephine Shipperley †  
Kathleen Wilson † Mary Dunnett † Leonor Reynolds †  
Jay Lydale † Anna Dally † John Davis † Mary Pascall † Billy Launay †  
Timothy Tizzard †

<b>Confession this Week</b>	
Saturday 1100-1200	1630-1730
<b>Devotions</b>	
<b>Midday Prayer</b>	
Monday-Saturday 1200	
<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	
Friday	1100 - 1200
Saturday	1100 - 1200
<b>Rosary after 1215 Mass</b>	
Tuesday and Thursday	

**We acknowledge with thanks:**

Last weekend's collection, including Standing Orders, amounted to £1,972.95 of which £1,009.85 (51 %) was gift-aided.

Clergy Assistance Fund: £939.30